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1. Following the Tenth Labor Congress of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Colombia (CTC), delegates to that Congress of the Federacion Nacional de Trabajadores Petroleros de Colombia (FEDPETROL) held a special congress from 11-13 May 1950. In spite of efforts by the Communists to pack the Congress with sympathizers, the Congress began its sessions by approving the separation of the CTC from the CTAL. Two factions were apparent during discussions, one led by the President of FEDPETROL, Jaime Rubio, favoring the break, and the other led by Pedro Sosa favoring relations with the CTAL. When a vote was taken, however, Sosa's was the only vote cast in favor of repudiating the majority decision of the CTC Congress to break with the CTAL.
2. The FEDPETROL Congress discussed the problem of payments due workers when the Deliares Concession ends in August 1951, and whether or not such payments should be made by the Colombian government or by the Tropical Oil Company. The delegates decided it would be more favorable to the workers to insist that the Tropical Oil Company make such settlements before turning the Concession over to the government or the government entity organized to operate the Concession. It was felt that if these obligations were passed to the government there would be considerable delay in receiving payments, whereas the Tropical Oil Company could be expected to fulfill its obligations on time.
3. The Congress also discussed whether the Tropical Oil Company should take part in the new company being formed to exploit the Concession. A commission was designated, composed of Jaime Rubio and Manuel Rubiano, to present the workers' conclusions to the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum. These conclusions were that, if the Tropical Oil Company does not participate in the exploitations of the Concession, there will be an outbreak of technical difficulties, management and administrative tieups, causing layoffs which would be prejudicial to the workers. It was recognized that the workers have had their difficulties with the Tropical Oil Company in the past, but it was felt that in the future, with the government's participation in the new company, the latter will handle labor matters.

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4. The following new officers were elected for the coming year.

Directorate

President	Manuel Diaz Henriquez
Vice President	Antonio Torres
Secretary-General	Pascual Vasquez
<u>Fiscal</u>	Roque Martinez
Treasurer	Pedro A. Riveros
Secretary of Foreign Relations	Hector Pineda
Secretary of Conflict and Work	Marco Doria
Secretary of Acts and Archives	Juan O. Rodriguez
Secretary of Organization and Propaganda	Lubin Arango

Confederal Committee

Teofilo Castillo	Jose Maria Baños
Luis Devera	Jose V. Arias
Luis Manuel Cualla	Antonio Rengifo
Ulises Otero	Bernardo Paira
Justiniano Bastos	Heriberto Ruiz

5. There are no known Communists among the new officers, according to source. At a meeting of Communist leaders after the Congress, the FEDEPETROL Congress was recognized as a Communist defeat. The Secretary General blamed Rafael Atehortua Lopez, who has been in charge of Communist organization in the oil fields. He stated that although the Communists must regard the expulsion of the Yankees from the De Mares Concession as a step in the right direction, the Communists could not claim any credit for having accomplished this victory. Furthermore, he pointed out that the victory was still in doubt since the workers themselves wished to give participation to the Tropical Oil Company, and it was probable that in the end Yankee dollars would win out.
6. Source reported that the labor lawyer, Diego Montaña Cuellar, who has been legal adviser to FEDEPETROL, planned to agitate among the workers at Barrancabermeja in an attempt to persuade the rank and file of FEDEPETROL unions to repudiate the decisions of the delegates at the Congress. Montaña Cuellar, according to source, wants the new Company to be divorced completely from the Tropical Oil Company in the hope that in the hands of the government and with Colombian technical and administrative talent the Company will fail and its failure will increase the difficulties of the government of Laureano Gomez.

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